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BYS Minutes 09/12/2007

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm.

Present: Jeanette Mills, Cindy Sheridan, Mary Deyst, Larry Greco, Dorothy Williams, Gene Lucarelli, Carlene Newell, Joan Robbio and ex-officio members Elizabeth Oppedisano and Leon Cantor.

Minutes from May 9, 2007 approved.

Retreat Review

Retreat Packet presented by Jeannette Mills and reviewed by board

-Decision Making

In past BYS used 100% consensus model. During the retreat other decision making models were reviewed.

The four stages of the model of concurrence were assessed. When making a decision as a group under this model there are four levels of thought on a matter or statement:

1. Support statement
2. Uncomfortable, but can support statement
3. Disagree, but will not stand in way of group support of statement
4. Absolutely do not support statement and why.

It was suggested that this model reduces tyranny of a minority, encourages discussion, and may lead to consensus.

A motion was made and voted unanimously to adopt this model as the Board of Youth Services decision making method.

-Customers

The following changes need to be made in this section of the retreat packet:

AYCC mandate to serve persons *21 and under* (must change in packet from "under 18" to "21 and under")

AYCC counsels families with children up to 22, (must change in packet from "with children under 18" to "with children up to 22")

-Products, Services and Programs for Youth and Families

Add "community resources" to cover food pantry, holiday programs, etc..

Replace "Safety and prevention programs" with "Safety, prevention, awareness and recognition programs"

-SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats)

Board felt that we had more work to do with Joe Healy to further develop an analysis of what we identified as our SWOT.

From this packet the Board needs to develop the following:

1. Mission Statement
2. Policies and Procedures
3. Goals, Vision

Draft mission statement at next meeting

AYCC

23 interns, 16 in elementary schools

Contract almost finished, Christine and Leon have to get the contract to John Maher for review, then to School Administration. The town wants it done as soon as possible.

New Business

Motion brought forward by Larry, (second by Joan) to donate \$300 to the Arlington Parent Forums. Voted unanimously.

Next meeting date scheduled for October 10, 7pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Sheridan